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STATE APPROVES BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ECORSE

LANSING -- State Senator Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) announced that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) approved a tax increment financing plan for mixed-use brownfield redevelopment project in the City of Ecorse. Wayne County, the City of Ecorse and the International Gospel Center/Charles O. Miles Non-Profit Housing Corporation are partnering to redevelop a six-block stretch of blighted property into a vibrant, mixed-use development.

“This project represents an innovative public-private partnership to begin the revitalization of the Ecorse community. Through continued efforts such as this, the abandonment and blight that crept into this city over the past two decades will be removed,” said Senator Basham. “I pledge my full support and assistance to the City to ensure its success.”

The Salliotte Avenue project includes a \$10 million private investment from the International Gospel Center to create 56 for-sale townhouse units, a full service child care center and a neighborhood-scale retail center. The Center has acquired over 50 parcels of land along Salliotte Avenue and removed a number of dangerous buildings from the neighborhood. The International Gospel Center also constructed a 36-unit senior housing complex that will be opening shortly.

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To help facilitate this private development the city is using its Act 51 road funds to undertake a \$450,000 road reconstruction. In addition, the County's brownfield redevelopment authority received state approval to capture up to \$408,766 in state and local taxes for the demolition of several blighted buildings and to rebuild the streetscape infrastructure.

"The International Gospel Center is to be commended for its commitment to the Ecorse community and the highly proactive stance it has taken in revitalizing the city," said Basham. "I am proud of the role they and our city and county officials have taken in reclaiming this fine city."

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